

# ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 4265**

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 19, 2015

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4265.

This bill would permit a municipality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting an applicant from obtaining employment with the municipal police department, paid fire department, or part-paid fire department unless the applicant agrees to remain a resident of the municipality for the first five years of his employment. In any municipality with such an ordinance, the applicant would have six months from the date of employment to begin residing in the municipality.

The committee amended the bill to allow an exception to this residency requirement if any member of the fire department or police department suffers injury, or a threat of injury, to his person, family, or property, committed by another who acts with purpose to: (1) intimidate the member because of his status as a member; (2) manipulate an investigation; or (3) otherwise influence the member to violate his official duty.

The committee also made technical amendments to clarify an internal statutory reference.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

1. Provides exception to five-year residency requirement for injury or threat of injury to the member of the fire or police department;
2. Makes technical amendments to clarify statutory reference; and
3. Replaces synopsis to conform to amendments.